2004 Mississippi Arts Commission

ANNUAL REPORT



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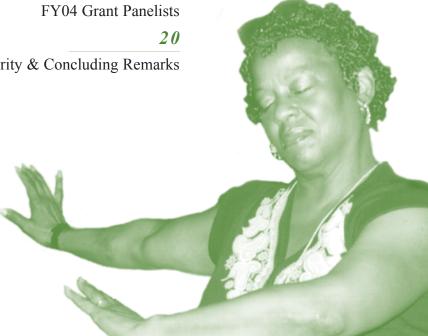
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Throughout this Annual Report are photos taken around the state of Mississippi. These photos are of artists, performers, students, and teachers who make the arts a part of their every day.

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GREETINGS from the CHAIRMAN & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends:

In accordance with the requirements set forth in Sections 27-101-1 through 11 of the Mississippi Code of 1972 as amended in 1984, we respectfully submit this annual report covering the fiscal period beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2004.

We are pleased to report the

Commission's many accomplishments in

Fiscal Year 2004. Even with budget

challenges in a difficult economic climate, the

Commission carried out its mandate to be the

catalyst for the arts in Mississippi, offering

professional development opportunities, conducting

research, and awarding more than \$1 million in grants to arts

Fiscal Year 2004 also saw continued growth in several of our special initiatives, including the completion of a four-year evaluation of our Whole Schools Initiative and launch of the Whole Schools website, the development

organizations, schools, communities and artists around the state.



Panny Witanzie



MAC Executive Director

of our AllWrite! Adult Literacy project, and the expansion of our Take Part! initiative, funded by a grant from The Wallace Foundation to build and enhance cultural participation in Mississippi. Our support from the state legislature remained strong, as evidenced by a third consecutive year of special funds for our Building Fund for the Arts, and general appropriations that leveraged substantial funding from the National Endowment for the Arts. Throughout these pages, please note the many achievements made possible by the strong partnership between government and the arts. We look forward to an equally exciting FY05 as together with elected officials, arts administrators, teachers, artists and neighbors, we continue to support, inspire and enrich Mississippi's cultural legacy.

STRATEGIC PLAN OVERVIEW & MISSION

Following a series of town meetings, discussion and interviews with citizens from around the state during the summer of 2002, the Commission produced its current 5-year Strategic Plan. Six goals define the focus of this agency's strategic plan in our efforts to increase cultural participation opportunities across Mississippi and to further define and celebrate the public value of the work carried out by our constituents:

- 1 Support development of Mississippi communities through the arts;
- 2 Improve the capacity and stability of Mississippi's arts industry;
- 3 Strengthen education in and through the arts;
- 4 Increase knowledge of and pride in Mississippi arts and culture;
- 5 Recognize and encourage Mississippi artists; and
- 6 Sustain the Mississippi Arts Commission's administrative effectiveness.

Mission The Commission is the public agency that serves as a catalyst for private support of the arts. The role of the Commission, however, goes beyond grantsmaking. To serve as a catalyst for arts development at the local level, the Commission must, along with its ongoing grants programs:

- Foster networks of local leaders, artists of all disciplines, arts volunteers, and patrons;
- Provide training in arts management, arts education planning, arts facilities planning, and communitywide cultural planning; and
- Promote broad-based public awareness of the importance of the arts in education and community life.

Through the arts, diverse communities of all sizes can better identify shared values, create vibrant public spaces, and enhance the effectiveness of schools. The arts also attract visitors who leave with a strong, positive image of Mississippi. Fostering excellence in the arts provides the inspiration to generate a higher quality of life for all citizens.



Board of Commissioners

The Mississippi Arts Commission is governed by a 15-member volunteer board. Commissioners bring expertise in the arts, business and community affairs. They represent the citizens of Mississippi. Appointed by the governor for five-year terms, three new Commissioners are named each year. The Commissioners meet quarterly to establish program objectives, recommend budgets, assess needs, evaluate program effectiveness, and award grants. All meetings and review panels of the Commission are open to the public.

Commissioners, FY04

Beth Chisolm Clay, Meridian, Chairman Danny McKenzie, Tupelo, Vice Chairman

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Dianne Walton, Meridian

Acknowledgements

The Commission gratefully acknowledges the support of the legislature of the State of Mississippi and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency. The Commission appreciates the cooperation and encouragement of Mississippi officials including:

The Honorable Haley Barbour, Governor

The Honorable Amy Tuck, Lieutenant Governor

The Honorable William J. McCoy, Speaker of the House

The Honorable Jack Gordon, Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee

The Honorable Johnny W. Stringer, Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee

The Honorable Tate Reeves, State Treasurer

J.K. Stringer, Jr., Executive Director, Department of Finance and Administration

Charlie Pearce, Court Librariran, Mississippi Supreme Court

Mississippi Arts Commission STAFF

The executive director, hired by the Board of Commissioners, heads the 11-member staff, which implements policies, administers grants, and provides services. The staff consults on community arts development, performing, visual and literary arts, folk arts, and arts education.



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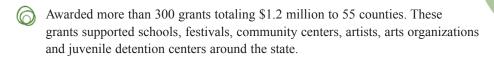
Director/ADA

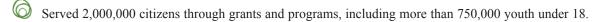
Coordinator

REVIEW OF FY04

SPECIAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Through grants, special programs and services, and initiatives, the Commission:





Administered Year 3 of the Building Fund for the Arts Initiative. Made possible by general obligation bonds, this program supports renovation and restoration of more than 70 community centers, schools, theaters and other arts venues around the state.

Conducted the fifth annual Whole Schools Institute at Delta State University, bringing together teachers from around the state for a week of training in using the arts as tool to teach across the curriculum. In the past fiscal year more than 2,200 teachers and more than 140,000 students benefited from this program. The Mississippi Arts Commission is the only state arts agency in the country to receive a \$1 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education to support Whole Schools and to show that this nationally recognized program is a replicable model for educational excellence. (In very early FY05, the sixth annual Whole Schools Institute was hosted at The University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg to great acclaim. Details will be provided in next year's report.)

Continued the Core Arts program that benefits youths in juvenile detention centers and the All Write! initiative which targets adult illiteracy.

Continued the Arts in the Classroom initiative, allowing 11 schools in Mississippi a first-hand introduction to arts integration by attending the annual WSI Institute and AIC Retreats. Two AIC schools became Whole Schools in FY05.

In partnership with Mississippi Public Broadcasting, produced "Sounds from Around the Corner," a radio series highlighting heritage-based musical traditions from around the state.

Hosted the agency's annual Day at the Capitol which this year included a day-long arts advocacy workshop and special luncheon for freshman legislators.

Introduced Take Part!, a new grants program funded by The Wallace Foundation, focusing on building diversity in arts participation as a means to sustain local community arts organizations.

Hosted A Forum on Careers in the Arts for People with
Disabilities, funded by a special grant from the National
Endowment for the Arts and the National Arts and Disability Center
at UCLA.

Looking Ahead



Introducing, through an NEA Challenge America Grant, the new Moving Pictures initiative that will take art exhibitions -at no cost to the recipient- to schools and libraries in rural areas.



Introducing The Artist Next Door, a second participation initiative sponsored by a grant from The Wallace Foundation.



Hosting Taking the Next Step: Building and Enhancing the Arts in Mississippi, a statewide conference for arts administrators, artists, and advocates.

Governor's Awards for Excellence in the Arts

This annual celebration recognizes organizations and individuals who have made significant contributions to Mississippi's cultural heritage.

This year's honorees were

Blues musician James "Super Chikan" Johnson Artistic Excellence

Malcolm White Arts Patron

Greenville Arts CouncilArts in the Community

Rankin County School DistrictArts in Education

Artist Mary Katharine Loyacano McCravey Lifetime Achievement

Honorees receive a work of art handcrafted by a Mississippi artist. Arts Commission Fellowship recipient Jeff Schmuki created this year's award.

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A partnership between the Arts Commission and the Governor's Office, this program is commemorated each year by a presentation in the House Chamber of the Old Capitol Museum and a full-color poster, designed by Vidal Blankenstein based on photography by Tom Joynt, that is widely distributed free of charge.

The 2004 program was sponsored by Bellsouth and *The Clarion-Ledger* with additional support from Adams and Reese LLP, BancorpSouth, BlueCross BlueShield of Mississippi, ChevronTexaco Corporation, Beth and John Clay, Communication Arts Company, The Edison Walthall Hotel, Sylvia and Paul Minor, River Oaks Health System, AmSouth Bank, Canizaro Cawthon Davis Architects, Delta and Pine Land Company, Kathryn H. Hester, Jane and Wood Hiatt/Hiatt-Ingram Fund of the Community Foundation of Greater Jackson, Horne CPA Group, PA, Mississippi Valley Gas Company, Jerry and Martha O'Keefe, Sanderson Farms, Inc., David Trigiani, FAIA, Trustmark National Bank, Stuart M. Irby, Dr. and Mrs. A. Charles Jackson and Union Planters Bank

Website

In Fiscal Year 2004, the Commission's website, www.arts.state.ms.us, became the agency's central source of information and news to grantees and the citizens of Mississippi, with more than 15,000 hits. In addition, the Commission's three additional program-based websites were also very popular and accessible. These website addresses are:

www.arts.state.ms.us/folklife www.arts.state.ms.us/crossroads www.mswholeschools.org



Overview of GRANTS PROGRAMS & SPECIAL INITIATIVES

Grant Programs

Grant support is a major element of the Commission's strategy to achieve the goals and outcomes it has established in its 2003-2008 Strategic Plan. We invite arts organizations, schools and educators, local arts councils, and community organizations to use these grant opportunities to develop programs that incorporate their own priorities and that reflect the goals and outcomes we hope to achieve statewide during the next five years. Grants to artists and organizations are offered through our four program areas, each of which is linked to a goal from the current Strategic Plan.

Arts-Based Community Development

Strategic Plan Goal 1: Support the development of Mississippi communities through the arts. The arts enliven communities. They play an important role in addressing such social issues as poverty, illiteracy and youth crime. They engage, entertain, and bring us together. The Arts-Based Community Development program helps to support local arts programs that apply the arts to community improvement, whether that be in terms of economic development, tourism, social service delivery, community-building, youth services, public design, race relations, access to the arts or some other aspect of community development. It also supports local arts agencies that ensure access by all residents in their communities to high-quality arts programs, thus creating more livable and vibrant communities.

Arts Industry

Strategic Plan Goal 2: Improve the capacity and stability of Mississippi's arts industry. Arts organizations are crucial to the well being of Mississippi communities. However, most of them struggle to sustain the current level of their activity and administer their programs effectively. For many of them, management by crisis is virtually an every day reality, brought about by a lack of training and experience in managing and planning, inadequate leadership and governance, weaknesses in fiscal control, and a scarcity of resources-financial, technological, facilities, and marketing support-to name only a few. The Commission seeks to help arts organizations in Mississippi improve their capacity to carry out their programs, assure the adequacy of critical resources, manage their affairs, and participate as full partners with other civic institutions in the lives of their communities.

Arts In Education

Strategic Plan Goal 3: Strengthen education in and through the arts. Education in and through the arts is an essential component of the learning experience of Mississippi schoolchildren pre-kindergarten through grade 12. An arts education enriches their lives, lays the foundation for academic and career success, and transmits a deeper appreciation for the unifying elements common to all cultures while celebrating the distinctive features of each. Through the arts, educators have the ability to reach every student as they create a child-centered classroom that can tap into all of the multiple intelligences. Arts education benefits students' families and the communities in which they live. It is a basic right of all children, not simply the socially advantaged or gifted and talented. The key function of the Commission in supporting arts education is to foster the professional development of educators, enabling them to teach the arts more effectively and use the arts as learning tools in teaching the non-arts curriculum. Our role is to place artists, arts specialists, grant money for innovative projects and technical assistance at the disposal of local schools.

Mississippi Heritage

Strategic Plan 4: Increase the knowledge of and pride in Mississippi's artistic and cultural traditions. Mississippi is home to a wide range of artistic traditions that show the deeply held values of our communities. The folk and traditional arts are at the core of this community-level expression, as are the artistic expressions that have evolved from traditional forms. The Heritage Program works to help increase awareness of Mississippi's traditional arts and foster the continuation of them through grants, services and special initiatives.

Special Initiatives

The following special initiatives are designed to meet the goals and outcomes of more than one of the Commission's programs described on the previous page.

Since 1992, the Commission has provided grant funds, technical assistance and professional development opportunities to Mississippi public schools to develop and implement an arts-based, interdisciplinary curriculum for every child in participating schools of the **Whole Schools Initiative**. The term "Whole Schools Initiative" was born from the emphasis placed on increasing and integrating the arts throughout an entire school curriculum. In the Initiative's first five years, the goals of increased arts instruction and integration of the arts into academic subjects were adopted by one pilot school a year. Schools were invited to submit proposals describing their intentions in this regard, and then the selected schools began a six-year implementation process. The current phase, which began in the fall of 1999, built on the initial work. The Commission found that comprehensive and sequential professional development was needed to complement widespread arts integration. Thus, in 1999, was created the Summer Institute, which brought together staff from 14 new schools and two continuing schools from the first phase. Four more schools were added for the 2000 Summer Institute, and six more schools came on board for 2001.

All Write! presents an approach for reconciling our region's severe literacy needs and the needs of writers by placing writing instructors in adult literacy classes. In the fall of 2004, the Commission will recruit creative writers and adult literacy centers for the initiative. At these literacy centers, writers will use the All Write! curriculum to improve writing skills and GED scores. This initiative is funded in part through a Challenge America Grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Established by the Mississippi legislature, **The Building Fund for the Arts** is designed to give the arts a stronger presence within small and large communities. Through this special initiative, the Commission awards grants to non-profit organizations and units of city or county government for the renovation, repair, expansion and enhancement of cultural facilities across the state. Program priorities include the potential impact on a community; capacity and readiness of the applicant organization to successfully manage the project; appropriateness of plans for the identified building and its community; and the feasibility of the identified space for artistic purposes and its access by the community.

Take Part! is a pilot program that seeks to develop new ways to build diverse audiences for arts activities within Mississippi communities. The Commission recently awarded five Mississippi organizations grants to develop projects that will build participation by specific groups not currently involved in that organization's arts activities. This initiative is funded through support from The Wallace Foundation. The Commission was one of 13 state arts agencies across the country that received funding from the Foundation's State Arts Partnerships for Cultural Participation (START) Initiative. The purpose of the program is to inspire the selected state agencies to adopt new, more effective programs, practices and strategies aimed at encouraging broader public participation in the arts.

Core Arts supports programs that are developed with and within the juvenile-justice system. Each program uses the arts as a tool to decrease incidences of violence, to decrease recidivism, to increase school attendance and to provide positive experiences with adult mentors. Core Arts helps to support programs for three years and provides grant funds, consultants, assistance, training, support, documentation and evaluation.

County	City	Organization/Individual	Grant Amount
Bolivar	Cleveland	Delta Arts Alliance, Inc	\$100,000
Bolivar	Mound Bayou	Eagle Music & Media Academy	\$262,500
Chickasaw	Houston	Houston School District	\$99,900
Coahoma	Clarksdale	Delta Blues Museum	\$200,000
Hancock	Bay St. Louis	Bay St. Louis Little Theatre	\$37,200
Harrison	Biloxi	City of Biloxi	\$24,000
Harrison	Biloxi	Biloxi Public Schools	\$100,000
Harrison	Pass Christian	City of Pass Christian	\$41,166
Holmes	Lexington	Holmes County Arts Council	\$97,500
Jackson	Pascagoula	Pascagoula Garden Club	\$3,000
Jackson	Pascagoula	City of Pascagoula	\$210,000
Jones	Laurel	Laurel School District	\$190,291
Jones	Laurel	Lauren Rogers Museum of Art	\$144,900
Lafayette	Oxford	City of Oxford/Yoknapatawpha Arts Council	\$100,000
Lauderdale	Meridian	Meridian Little Theatre	\$11,024
Lauderdale	Meridian	Wechsler Comm Arts Center Association	\$31,601
Lauderdale	Meridian	Meridian Redevelopment Authority	\$122,000
Lauderdale	Mississippi State	Riley Performing Arts Center	\$400,000
Lawrence	Newhebron	Newhebron Activity Club	\$7,875
Lee	Tupelo	Tupelo Community Theatre	\$59,850
Leflore	Greenwood	Communities in Schools of Greenwood	\$21,000
Madison	Tougaloo	Tougaloo College	\$100,000
Monroe	Tupelo	Create Foundation, Inc.	\$200,000
Oktibbeha	Starkville	Starkville Community Theatre	\$8,890
Pearl River	Poplarville	Poplarville School District	\$27,000
Pike	McComb	McComb Main Street Association	\$75,000
Pike	McComb	Pike County Arts Council	\$37,481
Sunflower	Drew	Holly Grove Community Development Corp	\$50,000
Sunflower	Indianola	B. B. King Museum Foundation	\$300,000
Tallahatchie	Charleston	Charleston Arts and Revitalization Effort, Inc.	\$50,000
Tate	Senatobia	Senatobia Municipal School District	\$9,600
Tippah	Blue Mountain	Blue Mountain College	\$20,063
Washington	Greenville	EE Bass Education and Development	\$100,000
Washington	Vicksburg	Southern Cultural Heritage Foundation	\$21,600

Core Arts Grant

County	City	Organization/Individual	Grant Amount
Adams	Natchez	Adams County Youth Court	\$11,000
Hinds	Jackson	Henley Young Juvenile Justice Center	\$6,700
Leflore	Greenwood	Communities in Schools of Greenwood	\$11,000
Washington	Greenville	Greenville Arts Council	\$7,500

Artist	Fellowshi	p-Literary
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County	City	Organization/Individual	Grant Amount
Jackson	Ocean Springs	Beverly Blasingame	\$5,000
Lafayette	Oxford	Dixon Bynum	\$5,000
Rankin	Brandon	Carole Cannon	\$5,000

Artist Fellowship-Performing

County	City	Organization/Individual	Grant Amount
Hinds	Jackson	Darryl Pete	\$5,000
Leflore	Itta Bena	Gary Powell Nash	\$5,000

Artist Fellowship-Visual

County	City	Organization/Individual	Grant Amount
Bolivar	Cleveland	Pat L. Brown	\$5,000
Claiborne	Port Gibson	Gustina M. Atlas	\$5,000
Hancock	Bay St. Louis	Jorge Lovato	\$5,000
Harrison	Gulfport	Lee Renninger	\$5,000
Harrison	Gulfport	Jeff Schmuki	\$5,000
Hinds	Terry	Charles W. Carraway	\$5,000
Jackson	Gautier	Kevin L. Turner	\$5,000

Folk Arts Apprenticeship

County	City	Organization/Individual	Grant Amount
Jones	Laurel	Ollie DeLoach	\$2,000
Lee	Tupelo	Charles T. Smith	\$2,000

Minigrant - Round 1

County	City	Organization/Individual	Grant Amount
Attala	Kosciusko	Attala County Library	\$182
Claiborne	Port Gibson	Mississippi Cultural Crossroads	\$1,000
Desoto	Horn Lake	Shadow Oaks Elementary	\$1,000
Desoto	Olive Branch	Olive Branch Intermediate School	\$900
Forrest	Petal	Petal Arts Council, Inc	\$1,000
Harrison	Biloxi	Lopez Elementary School	\$400
Hinds	Jackson	Boyd Elementary School	\$1,000
Jackson	Ocean Springs	Walter Anderson Museum of Art	\$1,000
Jackson	Pascagoula	Cherokee Elementary School	\$500
Jackson	Pascagoula	Beach Elementary School	\$400
Jasper	Bay Springs	West Jasper Consolidated Schools	\$1,000
Lamar	Hattiesburg	Oak Grove Lower Elementary School	\$925
Leflore	Greenwood	Leflore County Schools	\$1,000
Leflore	Greenwood	Miss B's Playland, Inc	\$750
Lowndes	Columbus	Columbus-Lowndes Co Alum Chapter/DREF	\$442
Marion	Foxworth	Precious Years Child Development Center, Inc	\$300
Newton	Newton	Newton Arts Council	\$1,000
Oktibbeha	Starkville	Council for Comm Organizations	\$250
Pearl River	Nicholson	Nicholson Elementary	\$1,000
Pearl River	Picayune	Picayune Memorial High School	\$1,000

Pearl River	Picayune	Picayune Junior High School	\$1,000
Pearl River	Picayune	South Side Elementary Schools	\$1,000
Pearl River	Picayune	West Side Elementary	\$1,000
Simpson	Magee	Magee Elementary School	\$700
Simpson	Mendenhall	Mendenhall Elementary School	\$725
Simpson	Pinola	Simpson Central School	\$400
Sunflower	Drew	A. W. James Elementary School	\$700
Sunflower	Indianola	Imani Wellness Center, Inc.	\$800

Minigrant - Round 2

County	City	Organization/Individual	Grant Amount
Amite	Gloster	Gloster Elementary School	\$800
Amite	Liberty	Liberty Elementary School	\$800
Bolivar	Cleveland	W. J. Parks Elementary School	\$700
Coahoma	Clarksdale	Delta Blues Education Fund	\$1,000
Coahoma	Clarksdale	Sunflower River Blues Association	\$1,000
Desoto	Hernando	Hernando Elementary School	\$900
Desoto	Hernando	First Regional Library	\$1,000
Hancock	Pearlington	Hancock County Schools	\$950
Harrison	Gulfport	Gulf Coast Community Foundation	\$495
Harrison	Gulfport	Junior Auxiliary of Gulfport	\$1,000
Harrison	Pass Christian	Delisle Elementary School	\$500
Hinds	Clinton	Mississippi College/Department of Music	\$500
Hinds	Jackson	Jackson Friends of the Library	\$1,000
Hinds	Jackson	Mississippi Museum of Art	\$1,000
Hinds	Jackson	Davis Magnet School	\$1,000
Hinds	Jackson	St. Richard Catholic School	\$1,000
Hinds	Jackson	Xtreme Dance School of Performing Arts	\$800
Jones	Laurel	Laurel Jones County Library	\$250
Jones	Laurel	Lauren Rogers Museum of Art	\$1,000
Lamar	Purvis	Purvis Elementary School	\$300
Lauderdale	Meridian	Clarkdale Attendance Center	\$1,000
Leake	Walnut Grove	South Leake Elementary	\$700
Lee	Tupelo	Tupelo Community Theatre	\$1,000
Lincoln	Brookhaven	Brookhaven Trust Arts Council	\$1,000
Madison	Madison	Madison Avenue Elementary School	\$1,000
Oktibbeha	Starkville	Starkville/MSU Symphony Association	\$800
Rankin	Brandon	Northwest Rankin Band Boosters	\$954
Rankin	Brandon	Northwest Rankin Lower Elem	\$650
Rankin	Brandon	Vine Street Elementary School	\$500
Rankin	Brandon	Pisgah Elementary School	\$400
Rankin	Florence	Florence Elementary School	\$1,000
Rankin	Florence	Mclaurin Elementary School	\$800
Smith	Raleigh	Raleigh High School	\$250
Tallahatchie	Charleston	Charleston Middle School	\$750
Washington	Vicksburg	Southern Cultural Heritage Foundation	\$775

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County	City	Organization/Individual	Grant Amount
Bolivar	Cleveland	Bologna Performing Arts Center	\$1,000
Bolivar	Cleveland	Crosstie Arts Council	\$1,000
Bolivar	Cleveland	Cypress Park Elementary	\$500
Bolivar	Merigold	Hayes Cooper Center	\$700
Clay	West Point	Clay County Alumnae Chapter	\$750
Copiah	Crystal Springs	Junior Auxiliary of Crystal Springs	\$375
Desoto	Hernando	First Regional Library	\$1,000
Forrest	Hattiesburg	Library of Hattiesburg Petal & Forrest Co.	\$562
Forrest	Hattiesburg	MS Alliance for Arts Education	\$1,000
Forrest	Hattiesburg	Hattiesburg Arts Council	\$1,000
Greene	Leakesville	Leakesville Elementary School	\$500
Greene	McLain	McLain School	\$200
Hancock	Long Beach	Coast Episcopal School	\$275
Hancock	Waveland	St. Clare School	\$1,000
Harrison	Biloxi	North Bay Elementary	\$900
Harrison	Gulfport	Arts Under the Dome	\$1,000
Harrison	Gulfport	St. John Elementary	\$500
Harrison	Gulfport	Harrison Central Elementary	\$500
Harrison	Pass Christian	Pineville Elementary	\$600
Hinds	Clinton	Junior Auxiliary of Clinton, Inc.	\$1,000
Hinds	Jackson	Casey Elementary School	\$650
Hinds	Jackson	MS Center For Nonprofits	\$662
Hinds	Jackson	JSU/MW Alexander National Research Ctr.	\$1,000
Hinds	Jackson	MS Commission for Volunteer Service	\$250
Hinds	Jackson	Fondren Renaissance Foundation	\$950
Hinds	Jackson	Mississippi School for the Deaf	\$950
Hinds	Jackson	Capital Brass	\$500
Jackson	Biloxi	St. Martin North Elementary	\$600
Jackson	Ocean Springs	N.E. Taconi Elementary School	\$600
Jackson	Ocean Springs	Pecan Park Elementary School	\$400
Lafayette	Oxford	Oxford Tourism Council	\$1,000
Lafayette	Oxford	Oxford High School	\$575
Lamar	Hattiesburg	Oak Grove Upper Elementary	\$500
Lawrence	Monticello	Lawrence Co Public Library	\$1,000
Lincoln	Brookhaven	Martin Elementary School	\$625
Lincoln	Brookhaven	Lincoln County Public Library	\$600
Lowndes	Artesia	Foundation for the Revitalization of Artesia	\$625
Madison	Ridgeland	Datta Yoga Center USA	\$1,000
Neshoba	Philadelphia	Phil/Neshoba Co Arts Council	\$375
Pearl River	Picayune	Picayune Center for Alternative Education	\$1,000
Perry	Richton	Richton Elementary	\$250
Pike	McComb	Pike County Arts Council	\$1,000
Quitman	Marks	Quitman County Middle School	\$400
Rankin	Brandon	Rouse Elementary	\$1,000
Rankin	Flowood	G. Chastaine Flynt Memorial Library	\$250
Rankin	Pelahatchie	Pelahatchie High School	\$650

Sunflower	Moorhead	James C. Rosser Elementary School	\$700
Tate	Senatobia	Sycamore Arts Council	\$1,000
Tippah	Ripley	South Tippah Consolidated School District	\$700
Union	Union	New Albany Middle School	\$500
Warren	Vicksburg	Vicksburg Warren Co Chamber of Comm	\$1,000
Warren	Vicksburg	City of Vicksburg	\$1,000
Washington	Greenville	Weddington Elementary	\$700
Washington	Greenville	Greenville Arts Council	\$1,000
Wayne	Clara	Wayne County School District	\$250

Operating Grant

County	City	Organization/Individual	Grant Amount
Adams	Natchez	Natchez Opera Festival	\$9,000
Alcorn	Corinth	Corinth Theatre-Arts, Inc	\$7,500
Claiborne	Port Gibson	Mississippi Cultural Crossroads	\$18,200
Desoto	Olive Branch	Olive Branch Arts Council	\$2,700
Forrest	Hattiesburg	Hattiesburg Arts Council	\$13,800
Harrison	Biloxi	Gulf Coast Symphony Orchestra	\$9,000
Harrison	Biloxi	Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art	\$13,500
Harrison	Biloxi	Center Stage, Inc.	\$11,700
Hinds	Jackson	USA International Ballet Competition	\$19,800
Hinds	Jackson	Mississippi Opera Association	\$16,900
Hinds	Jackson	ArtsAlliance of Jackson & Hinds County	\$14,600
Hinds	Jackson	New Stage Theatre	\$22,500
Hinds	Jackson	Mississippi Symphony Orchestra	\$28,800
Hinds	Jackson	Mississippi Museum of Art	\$28,800
Hinds	Jackson	Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi	\$19,800
Jackson	Ocean Springs	Walter Anderson Museum of Art	\$28,800
Jones	Laurel	Lauren Rogers Museum of Art	\$18,000
Lauderdale	Meridian	Meridian Museum of Art	\$7,600
Lauderdale	Meridian	Meridian Little Theatre	\$9,000
Lauderdale	Meridian	Meridian Symphony Orchestra Association	\$9,000
Lauderdale	Meridian	Meridian Council for the Arts	\$15,100
Lafayette	Oxford	Yoknapatawpha Arts Council	\$18,700
Lee	Tupelo	Tupelo Community Theatre	\$7,700
Lowndes	Columbus	Columbus Arts Council	\$17,800
Madison	Madison	Madison County Cultural Center	\$18,400
Neshoba	Philadelphia	Phil/Neshoba Co Arts Council	\$4,200
Oktibbeha	Starkville	African American Cultural Society	\$13,100
Panola	Batesville	NW Delta Choral and Arts Council	\$3,400
Pike	McComb	Pike County Arts Council	\$3,600
Washington	Greenville	MACE/Delta Arts Project	\$14,250
Washington	Greenville	Greenville Arts Council	\$18,200
Washington	Vicksburg	Southern Cultural Heritage Foundation	\$13,700

County	City	Organization/Individual	Grant Amount
Adams	Natchez	Natchez Opera Festival	\$757
Bolivar	Cleveland	Bologna Performing Arts Center	\$800
Hinds	Jackson	Belhaven College Center for the Arts	\$800
Lowndes	Columbus	Columbus Arts Council	\$800

Project Grant

County	City	Organization/Individual	Grant Amount
Bolivar	Mound Bayou	Walk of Faith Ministry Inc.	\$7,500
Chickasaw	Okolona	Okolona Development Foundation Charities	\$4,300
Claiborne	Alcorn State	Alcorn State Univ/Dept of Fine Arts	\$7,500
Claiborne	Port Gibson	Port Gibson Main Street, Inc.	\$5,300
Coahoma	Clarksdale	Carnegie Public Library	\$4,600
Coahoma	Clarksdale	Coahoma Comm. College Foundation	\$3,500
Coahoma	Clarksdale	Sherard Elementary School	\$7,500
Coahoma	Clarksdale	Sunflower River Blues Association	\$5,200
Desoto	Hernando	First Regional Library	\$4,500
Forrest	Hattiesburg	USM/Dept of Theatre and Dance	\$5,000
Forrest	Hattiesburg	University of Southern Mississippi	\$7,500
Forrest	Hattiesburg	Mississippi Boychoir	\$5,000
Forrest	Hattiesburg	USM/Dept of Music	\$4,200
Forrest	Hattiesburg	Mississippi Music Teacher's Association	\$2,400
Forrest	Hattiesburg	MS Alliance for Arts Education	\$7,500
Forrest	Hattiesburg	USM/Museum of Art	\$4,000
Forrest	Hattiesburg	USM/Center for Oral History	\$4,700
Greene	Hattiesburg	Greene County Board of Supervisors	\$7,500
Harrison	Gulfport	Gulfport Little Theatre	\$4,200
Harrison	Gulfport	Lynn Meadows Discovery Center	\$7,500
Harrison	Gulfport	Gulf Coast Community Foundation	\$5,600
Harrison	Ocean Springs	Gulf Coast Messiah Chorus, Inc	\$3,500
Harrison	Pass Christian	Coast Chorale, Inc	\$3,500
Hinds	Edwards	Mississippi Academy of Ancient Music	\$4,500
Hinds	Jackson	Fondren Renaissance Foundation	\$3,900
Hinds	Jackson	Crossroads Film Society	\$5,000
Hinds	Jackson	Capitol City Stage Band, Inc.	\$3,400
Hinds	Jackson	Mississippi Puppetry Guild	\$4,600
Hinds	Jackson	The Mississippi Girlchoir	\$4,100
Hinds	Jackson	St. Richard Catholic School	\$5,118
Hinds	Jackson	MS Assoc. Preservation Smith Robertson	\$4,700
Hinds	Jackson	The Celtic Heritage Society	\$4,600
Hinds	Jackson	Millsaps College	\$4,200
Hinds	Jackson	India Association of Mississippi	\$5,600
Hinds	Jackson	American Guild of Organists	\$1,600
Hinds	Jackson	Lanier High School	\$4,050
Hinds	Jackson	Mississippi Library Commission	\$2,400
Hinds	Jackson	Black Arts Music Society	\$4,800
Hinds	Jackson	The Privette School of Broadmeadow UMC	\$5,343

Hinds	Jackson	JPS/Exceptional Education Services	\$5,118
Hinds	Jackson	Henley Young Juvenile Justice Center	
Hinds	Jackson	Magnolia Speech School	\$4,428
Hinds	Jackson	Hinds County Sheriff's Department	\$4,000
Hinds	Jackson	Genesis and Light Center	\$4,200
Jackson	Gautier	Jackson Co Children's Services Coalition	\$7,500
Jackson	Ocean Springs	Mississippi Repertory Theatre Company	\$4,500
Jackson	Pascagoula	Jackson-George Regional Library	\$2,700
Jasper	Bay Springs	Jazz in the Grove	\$3,600
Jones	Laurel	Laurel Housing Authority	\$3,100
Lafayette	University	University of Mississippi/ Artist Series	\$7,500
Lafayette	University	Center for the Study of Southern Culture	\$5,400
Lawrence	Monticello	Lawrence Co Community Development Assn	\$7,500
Lawrence	Newhebron	Newhebron Activity Club	\$5,100
Lee	Tupelo	Tupelo Ballet	\$3,300
Lee	Tupelo	Gum Tree Museum of Art	\$4,200
Lowndes	Artesia	Foundation for the Revitalization of Artesia	\$1,400
Lowndes	Columbus	Columbus Historic Foundation	\$4,300
Madison	Madison	Mississippi Metropolitan Ballet	\$3,900
Madison	Tougaloo	Tougaloo College	\$3,300
Monroe	Tupelo	Create Foundation, Inc.	\$6,500
Montgomery	Winona	Montgomery County Arts Council	\$7,500
Noxubee	Macon	City of Macon	\$2,600
Oktibbeha	Starkville	Starkville Community Theatre	\$4,300
Oktibbeha	Starkville	Mississippi Theatre Association	\$7,500
Oktibbeha	Starkville	Starkville Area Arts Council	\$4,300
Rankin	Florence	Mississippi Music Educators Association	\$7,500
Sunflower	Drew	Drew School District	\$5,456
Sunflower	Moorhead	James C. Rosser Elementary School	\$5,287
Walthall	Tylertown	Walthall Co Chamber of Commerce	\$4,400
Warren	Vicksburg	Vicksburg Warren Co Historical Society	\$2,200
Warren	Vicksburg	City of Vicksburg	\$4,700
Washington	Greenville	Delta Symphony Association	\$5,000
Washington	Greenville	Greenville Public Schools	\$7,500
Washington	Greenville	Delta Center Stage	\$7,500
Washington	Greenville	Delta Children's Museum	\$5,000
Washington	Leland	Leland Blues Project, Inc	\$5,100
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County	City	Organization/Individual	Grant Amount
Claiborne	Port Gibson	Mississippi Cultural Crossroads	\$30,000
Forrest	Hattiesburg	MS Alliance for Arts Education	\$30,000
Harrison	Biloxi	Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art	\$15,000
Hinds	Jackson	Mississippi Museum of Art	\$30,000
Hinds	Jackson	Mississippi Opera Association	\$30,000

Whole Schools Intiative

County	City	Organization/Individual	Grant Amount
Bolivar	Cleveland	W. J. Parks Elementary School	\$13,350
Bolivar	Merigold	Hayes Cooper Center	\$13,950
Clay	West Point	Church Hill/South Side Elementary	\$9,800
Desoto	Olive Branch	Olive Branch Intermediate School	\$9,200
Forrest	Hattiesburg	Mary Bethune Alternative School	\$3,000
Hinds	Jackson	Casey Elementary School	\$9,300
Jones	Laurel	Nora Davis Magnet School	\$9,200
Lafayette	Oxford	Lafayette Elementary School	\$7,676
Lamar	Hattiesburg	Oak Grove Lower Elementary School	\$11,125
Lee	Tupelo	Pierce Street Elementary	\$7,350
Madison	Madison	Madison Middle School	\$11,250
Madison	Madison	Madison Station Elementary	\$8,700
Pike	McComb	Higgins Middle School	\$11,375
Prentiss	Baldwyn	Baldwyn Elementary School	\$9,100
Rankin	Florence	Florence Middle School	\$9,400
Washington	Greenville	Matty Akin Elementary School	\$13,500
Washington	Greenville	Weddington Elementary	\$13,200
Washington	Greenville	Jessie G. McBride Elementary School	\$8,400
Washington	Greenville	Trigg Accelerated Elementary School	\$12,150

Whole Schools Model

County	City	Organization/Individual	Grant Amount
Jones	Laurel	Nora Davis Magnet School	\$5,000
Madison	Madison	Madison Station Elementary	\$5,000

Federal Funds for Grants

Annual funds from the state legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) support the Commission's grant programs. The Commission's annual NEA Partnership Grant, in addition to supporting salaries and important administrative costs, is dedicated to re-granting.

In FY 2004, the NEA supplied more than \$250,000 in grants that the Commission distributed around Mississippi. These federal dollars funded wholly or in part:

- 6 19 grants in U.S. Congressional District 1 (\$52,013)
- 26 grants in U.S. Congressional District 2 (\$73,586)
- ② 27 grants in U.S. Congressional District 3 (\$65,904)
- 42 grants in U.S. Congressional District 4 (\$85,612)



FY04 FINANCIAL STATEMENT & Program Performance INDICATORS & MEASURES

FY04 Financial Statement

TOTAL	\$4,639,669,00	TOTAL	\$4,639,669.00
Less: Estimated Cash Available Next Fiscal Period	-\$621,685.00	Subsidies, Loans, and Grants (includes School of the Arts and START)	\$3,199,684.00
Tax Revenue	\$429,321.00	Capital Outlay	\$13,062.00
Transfers & Donations	\$417,610.00	Commodities	\$76,708.00
(MS School of the Arts)		Contractual Services	\$751,258.00
Budget Contingency Funds	\$1,833,333.00	Personal Services: Travel & Subsistence (Out-of-State)	\$15,263.00
Federal Funds	\$706,794.00	(In-State)	0.1.7.0.00
General Fund Appropriation	\$1,308,473.00	Personal Services: Travel & Subsistence	\$13,259.00
Cash Balance-Unencumbered	\$565,823.00	Personal Services Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits	\$570,435.00
Revenue		Expenditures	

Program Performance Indicators & Measures

Each year, program data is collected in accordance with the Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994. This information is used as part of the Commission's annual budget request to the state legislature; it also provides a very useful tool by which this agency measures success and evaluates benchmarks by comparing figures to the previous fiscal year. Numerous aspects of

the Commission's administrative effectiveness are considered. For example, as the budget became tighter in FY04, staff travel had to be curtailed resulting in more consultations via

telephone and e-mails. A few highlights include:

Program Outcomes	FY2003	FY2004	Change
Increase the number of grants to schools	66	82	+16
Increase number of grants to school disctricts	4	8	+4
Increase number of counties served by grants	53	55	+2
Increase eGRANT use	63	91	+ 28
Program Outputs			
Total number of cities in which grants were awarde	ed 83	91	+ 8
Percentage of annual budget obligated to grants	49%	53%	+4
Total grant funds requested	\$2,353,118	\$2,400,000	+\$46,882
Total grant funds awarded	\$1,350,443	\$1,237,154	-113,289
Program Efficiencies			
Total number of office/e-mail/telephone staff consultations	8,650	8,769	+119
Average number of office consultations per staff member	1,446	1,754	+308
Total number of site visits by staff to grantees	220	175	-45





Arts-Based Community Development Project and Operating Grants

Barbi Broadus, Center for Community and Civic Engagement, Hattiesburg, MS

Aaron Chen, Polarity Dance Company, Jackson, MS

Nadrienne Jackson, In His Steps Ministries, Ridgeland, MS

Kathi Landon Leatherwood, Jackson Arts Council, Jackson, TN

Virginia Shirley, Visual Artist, Jackson, MS

Helen Taylor, African American Cultural Society, Starkville, MS

Arts Education Project Grants and Arts Education Demonstrator Roster

Sally Edwards, Mississippi Department of Education, Jackson, MS

Brett Lawson, Colonial Middle School, Germantown, TN

Carlton Turner, M.U.G.A.B.E.E., Raymond, MS

Ephraim Urevbu, Art Village Gallery, Memphis, TN

Ann Wilson, Vine Street Elementary, Jackson, MS

Arts Industry Operating Grants

Lucy Allen, Old Capitol Museum, Jackson, MS

Mark McCrary, Madison County Cultural Center, Madison, MS

Richard Read, The New Orleans Center for Creative Arts Institute, New Orleans, LA

Marsha Watson, Greenville, MS

Arts Industry Project Grants

George Bassi, Lauren Rogers of Art, Laurel, MS

Johnnie Mae Gilbert, Ridgeland, MS

William (Bill) Dooley, Sarah Moody Gallery of Art,

The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL

Jenny R. Hamilton, New Orleans Ballet Association, New Orleans, LA

Kelly S. Gerald, Mississippi Humanities Council, Jackson, MS

Alan Mann, Mississippi Opera Association, Jackson, MS

Francine Thomas, Connections Casting, Jackson, MS

Literary Fellowships

Susie Kelly Flatau, Austin, TX

Georgette Norman, Rosa Parks Museum, Montgomery, AL

Joel Murray, Theatre Arts & Film Department, University of Texas in El Paso, El Paso, TX

Mississippi Heritage Operating and Project Grants/Fellowship/Apprenticeship/Artist Roster

Brent Bjorkman, Kentucky Folklife Program, Frankfort, KY

Jennifer Core, Tennessee Arts Commission, Nashville, TN

Peggy Heckler, Yazoo City, MS

Sherrill Holly, Musician, Jackson, MS

Key Ivy, Mississippi Educational Television, Jackson, MS

Bessie Johnson, Master Artist, West Point, MS

Performing Arts Fellowships and Artist Roster

Scott McCraw, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA Tom Wolfe, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL

Tim Washington, Independent Disc Jockey, Jackson, MS

Visual Arts Fellowships and Roster

William (Bill) Dooley, Sarah Moody Gallery of Art, Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL David Houston, Ogden Museum of Southern Art, The University of New Orleans, LA

Terri Jones, Memphis, TN

Whole Schools Initiative Grants

Mark Brown, Lauren Rogers Museum of Art, Laurel, MS Sally Edwards, Mississippi Department of Education, Jackson, MS

Dr. Eugene Owens, William Carey College, Hattiesburg, MS **Kesha Young,** Louisiana Children's Museum, New Orleans, LA

FY04 STATUTORY AUTHORITY & CONCLUDING REMARKS

In 1968, the Mississippi legislature created the Mississippi Arts Commission as the official grantsmaking and service agency for the arts (Chapter 498, Laws of 1968; Mississippi Code 1972 Annotated Sections 39-11-1 et. seq.). According to this act, the Commission exists to:

- Stimulate and encourage statewide study in and presentation of the performing, visual, and literary arts and public interest and participation therein;
- Encourage participation in, appreciation of and education in the arts to meet the legitimate needs and aspirations of persons in all parts of the state;
- Take appropriate steps to encourage public interest in the cultural heritage of Mississippi, to expand the state's cultural resources, and to promote the use of art in the state government's activities and facilities; and
- Encourage excellence and assist freedom of artistic expression essential for the well-being of the arts.
- Since the 1990s, the Commission has broadened its role as an active supporter and promoter of the arts in community life and arts education.

The Commission is funded in part by the state but also receives substantial funding from the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency. With these funds, the Commission provides financial support in the form of grants for eligible arts programs and for the work of individual artists. The United States Department of Education and The Wallace Foundation currently provide additional support. Such government support for the arts plays a critical role that cannot be replaced by the private sector. While government cannot finance the arts alone, government support does increase private support. Government involvement:

Provides for the inclusion of all citizens in diverse artistic experiences;

Ties arts to economic development through partnerships and collaborations;

Offers credibility and insists on accountability;

Ensures openness of decision-making; and

Provides leadership in cultural policies.

It is through this marriage of government and the arts that the Mississippi Arts Commission continues to thrive, even during difficult economic times such as these.

State and federal support, in tandem with the excellent and visionary arts-based initiatives carried out every day by thousands of our citizens, allows us to look ahead with continued enthusiasm, as well as abiding pride in the cultural heritage of Mississippi.





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